

Amendment No. 2 to HB2455

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2442

House Bill No. 2455*

by deleting subdivision (a)(2) in the amendatory language of Section 1 and substituting:

(2) Hold an active industry license or credential, including those issued by any state, for the area of endorsement, as defined by the department of education;

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION _____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-106, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() After a director of schools or a director of a public charter school notifies the director's local board of education or the governing body of the director's public charter school, as applicable, that the LEA or public charter school is unable to secure a qualified occupational educator with a valid occupational teaching license for course of study in which a vacancy exists, the director of schools or the director of the public charter school may certify the same to the commissioner of education. Upon the commissioner's receipt of the certification, the commissioner may grant, on behalf of the state board of education, under conditions prescribed in the state board's rules, a temporary permit to teach in the unfilled position to a person recommended by the director of schools or the director of the public charter school, who does not hold a bachelor's degree or an active industry license or credential, including those issued by any state, for the area of endorsement, as defined by the department of education, but who has a minimum of five (5) years of relevant work experience, completed within the last ten (10) years, or three (3) years of relevant work experience, completed within the

last five (5) years, in the area of endorsement or equivalent educational attainment, as defined by the department of education. The temporary permit is valid only until June 30 immediately following the date of the permit's issuance; the temporary permit is not renewable; and an individual may only be issued one (1) temporary permit.